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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the Invention statement starting on line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

---This is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/915,031, filed July 25, 2001 which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/567,748, filed May 10, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,531,319. Each of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.---

Please amend Table 2 on page 15 of the specification as follows:

TABLE 2. Patient samples showing COTA values of 15 μ g/ml or higher as positives

Patients	No. tested	No. positive	No. negative	% positive
Colorectal CA	6	5	1	83.3
Colorectal CA	6	1	5	16.6
(Resected or				
radiation				
treated) ·				
Polyps	22	6	16	27.2
Ulcerative	7	0.	7	12.50
colitis				
Ulcerative	1	1	0	100
colitis with				
dysplasia				
Normals	58	2	56	3.4